



Regional Humanitarian Disaster Relief Exercise

By Kevin W. Sieling, USARSO PAO

(Tegucigalpa, Honduras) - - A category two hurricane slams the Caribbean coasts of Honduras and Guatemala, leaving a path of destruction in both countries. Many areas hit hardest during Hurricane Mitch in 1998 have not yet fully recovered. Further complicating relief efforts. Storm damages include heavy rains, mudslides, severe flooding and wind and wave damage. The results of the storm have caused power loss, impassable road networks, inoperable sewer systems, inadequate drinking water, displaced personnel, infrastructure damage and authorities have yet to communicate with residents of the island of Utila.

A corresponding powerful tropical storm just below hurricane strength has made landfall on the island of Hispaniola. The storm has caused widespread damage and more than 81 deaths have been attributed to the storm. Heavy rains and wind have caused problems and numerous roads are closed from mudslides and localized flooding.

Although both latter mentioned storms and their effects on our neighbors in Central America and the Caribbean are entirely possible, they are in fact fictitious. The storms are part of a computer driven simulated command post exercise challenging emergency operations centers from 22 countries during FAHUM 2006 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias (FAHUM), or its English translation Allied Humanitarian Forces, is a U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff directed exercise sponsored by US Southern

Command(SOUTHCOM) and executed by US Army South (USARSO) and the host nation, Honduras. The annual exercise began in 1996 and its location has rotated among host countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. This year's exercise in Honduras has more than 600 participants from Latin



(left to right) Honduran Army Col. Danilo Soto Ponce and USARSO Deputy Commander for Support Brig. Gen. Jose Mayorga participate in the official opening ceremony for FAHUM 2006, a humanitarian and disaster relief exercise conducted in Tegucigalpa, the capitol city of Honduras April 21 to 28. (photo by Miguel Negron, USARSO PAO)

America, the Caribbean and the United States. Participating delegations represent the armed forces and governmental and private organizations. This diverse composition proves especially challenging. From a language perspective, participants communicate between the Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) in both English and Spanish. Consider the example that the United States military and United Nations office for Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Assistance have their own unique and complex operating procedures. The same applies to all participating agencies and defense forces. Working through these

challenges has proven beneficial to participating organizations and militaries during real-world humanitarian and disaster relief response.

Proof of this exists in the regional response from neighboring countries throughout the region since the inception of the exercise almost ten years ago. From the US military's standpoint, proof of this regional independence would be Tropical Storms Beta, Gamma and Wilma striking the Atlantic coasts of Honduras in the fall of 2005. Support from USARSO's 1-228th Aviation Regiment at Joint Task Force Bravo in Soto Cano, Honduras, was minimal due to the proficiency of the Armed Forces of Honduras and COPECO, the Central American country's equivalent to FEMA, who managed disaster relief and humanitarian support following the barrage of storms.

During a typical day on the exercise, participating EOC's respond to between 20 and 40 simulated disaster and humanitarian assistance events such as displaced persons, distribution of food items to isolated communities and reacting to the media on the exercises television studio; where streaming live video feeds are viewed by all participants.

These exercises are planned one and a half years prior to the event and a representative of each country participates in the organizing and coordinating process.

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"The militaries around the globe are finding themselves more involved in disaster relief and humanitarian crises.

The whims of Mother Nature present the most volatile and most unpredictable kinds of crisis. Nowhere on earth is anyone immune," said Brig. Gen. Ken Keen, US Army South commanding general. "As we have seen on previous US Southern Command sponsored simulation exercises, the inclusion of non-governmental and private volunteer organizations is absolutely crucial to the learning process. Your presence is the vital ingredient for realism."

More than 20 governmental and private organizations are actively participating in this year's exercise. A regional response to regional disasters is a primary goal of the 8-day exercise.

"Teamwork has always been a fundamental tenant of the military. It is through teamwork that organizations pull together multiple functions to focus on a common goal or end state," said Keen. "Teamwork among the military, government, and non-government organizations is absolutely crucial in a crisis situation. Trying to build cohesive teams once a disaster hits can be frustrating and time consuming. Now is the opportunity to pursue this goal." Honduran Secretary of Defense Aristides Mejia Carranza echoed support for the unique exercise.

"It is pertinent to state that this exercise will be filled with benefits, dedication, and professional and educational exchanges taking place among the participants," said Carranza.



The Nicaraguan Armed Forces led the Central American countries delegation of disaster relief planners for FAHUM 2006, a humanitarian and disaster relief exercise conducted in Honduras April 21 to 28. (photo by Telemachus Richey, USARSO PAO)

"Most beneficial of all are our citizens, since all participants are acquiring knowledge which will be useful not only now, but for future generations to come. FAHUM 2006 has included the humanitarian support which will set the example to tackle new challenges Mother Nature deals us all in the future." The scene of a disaster is not the time to exchange business cards, and this event provides the opportunity for continued dialogue among first responders.

"This will provide an opportunity to improve our response capabilities in cases of natural disaster, because of the training that the members of our related institutions receive," said Carranza. An underlying factor in the exercise is the continued cooperation between the US and Honduran Armed Forces. Their reciprocal effort in hosting the exercise will benefit the region as a whole.

"This exercise is highly relevant for the Honduran Armed Forces. It represents a new challenge from which we learn from and take to task all relief and cooperation operations

among our regional partners," said Carranza.

The primary goals of FAHUM are to share experiences, review challenges involved in humanitarian disaster response and increase readiness of the participants. Additionally, FAHUM 2006 aims to promote multinational and inter-regional response and interoperability.

The seminar was conducted April 21 to 28 in Tegucigalpa, the capitol city of Honduras, with US military participation led by US Army South, headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. USARSO is the Army service component to US Southern Command and also executes JCS peacekeeping exercises, platoon exchanges, engineering and medical exercises, enlisted professional development, and other engagements throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Participating countries in FAHUM 2006 are; Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Guyana, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent y the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Canada, México and Martinique.

Who: USARSO & 470th

What: Prayer Breakfast

Where: Fort Sam Houston Golf Club

When: 12 May 2006 at 0630

Why: To prayer for Orphanage Kids in Honduras



Upcoming Observances – Equal Opportunity:

“Days of Remembrance”
for Victims of the Holocaust
23-30 April (One week
incorporating Ha’Shoah)

Theme: Days of
Remembrance “*Legacies
of Justice*”
The United States
Holocaust Memorial Council
(USHMC) was established
in 1980 by public Law 96-
388. The council
coordinates an annual,
national civic
commemoration of the Days
of Remembrance of the
Victims of the Holocaust,
held in the Nation’s capital.
Ceremonies are conducted
throughout the U.S. during
the annual Days of
Remembrance, proclaimed
by the USHMC for a
designated one-week period
(Sunday to Sunday) each
spring between mid-April
and Mid-May.

More information can be
obtained from the sources
located at the links below:

United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum <http://>

www.ushmm.org

Note: Special
Commemoration for this
observance will be displays
in and around the command
and the Ft Sam Houston
ASIAN-PACIFIC
ISLANDER MONTH -
May Theme: “*Dreams and
Challenges for Asian
Pacific Americans*” Asian-
Pacific Americans have
been in the United States for
over 150 years; however,
little is known about their
history. To better understand
the variety of backgrounds,
traditions, and paradigms of
these vital members of our
society is to better
understand what makes
America itself great as a
nation of immigrants.
“Asian-Pacific-American”
affixes a common label to a
vast array of ethnic groups.
The common American
perception tends to lump all
Asians together into one
racial group, without distinct
ethnic and cultural
differences. The term

actually identifies individuals
from at least 29 different
countries, each with a
unique historical and cultural
heritage of its own. There
are many differences in
language, food, and religions
among Asian-Pacific-
Americans as are the
differences among the
Greeks, Irish, Italians, or
Germans.

More information can be
obtained from the sources
located at the links below:

Federal Asian Pacific
America Council (FAPAC)
<http://www.fapac.org>

Asian-Pacific American
Heritage Council <http://www.apahc.org>

Fort Sam Houston Asian-
Pacific Heritage Presentation:
Location: Fort Sam
Houston Road Runner
Community Center

Date: 9 May 06

Time: 1030-1130

Price: N/A

Menu: N/A

Poc: Your local Equal
Opportunity Advisor

Fort Sam Houston 1st Annual
Luau: “*Dinner, Dancing,
Entertainment*”

Location: Fort Sam
Houston Road Runner
Community Center

Date: 12 May 06

Time: 1800-2100

Price: \$10.00

Menu: Various

Poc: Your local Equal
Opportunity Advisor

Upcoming Training:

HHC USARSO Climate
Assessment

Equal Opportunity
Representative Course
(EORC), 17-28 Jul 06 (Poc
USARSO EOA)

SFC Ford
USARSO Equal
Opportunity Advisor
Location: Bldg #1000, 6th

Sergeant Major of the Army OPSEC Message

***** I am very concerned with our Army's emphasis in OPSEC. The threats we face today in this age of the Internet make OPSEC more important than ever. The Internet is a great tool, I use it myself all of the time, but it must be used responsibly. ***** Irresponsible use of the Internet allows our enemies to gain a nearly endless supply of risk-free intelligence. Soldiers who discuss sensitive military information and post sensitive military photos to Blogs, chatrooms, discussion forums, message boards, and even private email can be exploited by our enemies. ***** According to Al-Qaeda in their very own Terrorist Handbook, they find 80% of the information they use against us from open sources. Soldiers who openly disclose sensitive information are helping our enemies more effectively kill our fellow soldiers. This, it is not an exaggeration. These actions are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. ***** The Chief of Staff and the Vice Chief of Staff have addressed this issue with senior commanders. We must personally reinforce their guidance as well. ***** From this day forward, every NCO and soldier, from me as the Sergeant Major of the Army down to the newest Private, will place more emphasis on OPSEC. I further expect every NCO to become educated on OPSEC and to train those under their leadership to make OPSEC a routine part of their daily lives. ***** OPSEC is very serious business and one of the most significant ways we can help save our fellow soldiers' lives. We must get it right. Now.

“MAY - National Motorcycle Safety Month”

Since 1 April 2006 we have lost nine Soldiers on motorcycles. Most of these losses have involved speed, alcohol or lack of Personal Protective Equipment (mostly helmets). Unfortunately, some inattentive drivers contribute to these tragic accidents.

Drivers must keep in mind a motorcycle's smaller size compared to a vehicle and take extra precautions to maintain awareness around them. In addition, our motorcycle riders must take all measures possible to increase their visibility by wearing PPE and using proper riding

skills. It is important that our Army team understand proper motorcycle operations. For assistance in reducing these losses, visit the Motorcycle Mentorship Web site at <https://crc.army.mil/mmp/index.asp>.

<http://www.portsamroughriders.com>

The Fort Sam Houston rough riders are spearheading the Installation Motorcycle Mentorship Program. This organization is a not-for-profit private organization, and a family oriented Riding Club. It is made up primarily of active duty soldiers, retired

soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, Veterans, and dependents within the Fort Sam Houston (FSH) and local San Antonio community.

The primary mission/focus of the group is to provide a Riding Club that promotes safe motorcycle riding and community awareness in the FSH community and the city of San Antonio. The club desires to promote a positive atmosphere for motorcyclist within the community with the intent of supporting charitable organizations within the community. This is accomplished by pairing a new rider with a more experienced rider. The new rider gets

further training and guidance and their riding skills are evaluated by his/her mentor. The new rider may participate in our Mentoring Program with no obligation to join the group. There is no cost to the new rider for the Mentoring Program.



Come & Join the 1st Annual Ride 4 Troops!

**13 May 2006
NCO Bike
RUN**

**PROCEEDS
GO TO
BENEFIT
“FORT SAM
HOUSTON
FISHER
HOUSE”**



Army Forces support local orphanage

By Tech. Sgt. Joel Langton, JTF-Bravo Public Affairs

One of Soto Cano's smallest major subordinate commands, ARFOR, supports one of the largest orphanages.

The 73-person strong Army Forces supports the 149 orphans, 7-months old to 18-years-old, at Hogar De Ninos Tierra Santa orphanage in nearby Comayagua.

They recently helped deliver nearly \$8,000 worth of clothing, socks, shoes, over the counter medical items, school supplies, sheets, pillow cases and hygiene products like tooth paste, soap, and shampoo. Products that make a big difference in the young lives.

They also visit the orphanage monthly, said Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin Compston, JTF-Bravo chaplain.

ARFOR members said they had a variety of reasons



Surgical swap

(Above) Air Force Maj. Amanda Alford, MEDEL anesthesiologist, shows off Medel's surgery equipment. MEDEL hosted the surgical staff from a local hospital recently, in an effort to build cooperation with local medical staffs when needed. After the medical tour (right) the local medical staff put their best foot forward and helped prepare the MEDEL team lunch.

for supporting the orphanage, but Capt. Robert Cargel had the simplest, "It's what Jesus would do," he said.

Meanwhile, 1st Sgt. Randall Blackburn said it reminded him a little of home.

"I volunteer at the orphanage because I have four children of my own and it makes me feel good to help those in need," Sergeant Blackburn said.

Another said it helps him feel like he's making a difference.

"I work with children every day in my civilian occupation. Working with these children in the orphanage is an honor because they need the help and the supplies that we can provide to lead comfortable and productive lives," said Capt. Gene Speer.

ARFOR members have plenty of chances to help the orphanage in the near future, Chaplain Compston said. The orphanage's leadership recently bought land and is planning on building a larger complex with more classroom space for the students.

"We'll have many rotations of people helping with that," Chaplain Compston said.

Postal team sorts and delivers

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Joel Langton

JTF-Bravo Public Affairs

They bring joy and break hearts daily, but it never changes the way the Soto Cano postal team does their job.

Just about any way you cut it, the 3-person team is going to have about 2,000 packages per week, another 1,000 letters per day and another 1,000 magazines and catalogs per week to sort and deliver.

The team laughs when they try to figure out how much mail they touch, knowing it's going to be astronomical and probably heartbreaking.

"It's hectic because you're trying to sort mail, take care of customers, deal with packages and then all the other things that go along with a post office," said Tech Sgt. James McDonald, postmaster.

Tech. Sgt. Frank Wesley pointed out that the fact they're a person short hampers them, but it's just an obstacle that must be overcome.

"We're never going to let mail sit here. If we have to come in at night and sort mail, we'll do that. A letter will never sit in here for more than 24 hours before we have it in someone's box," Sergeant Wesley said.

Senior Amn. John Clark's primary job is to ensure people receive their mail after they leave.

"I'm the one who makes sure mail gets forwarded," Clark said.

The team identified several things people can do to help them get mail out smoother.

Wait until the afternoon to come and take care of postal issues if possible. "We want to help people," Sgt. Wesley said. "But if they wait, that will enable us to just focus on getting mail out."



Don't call. "This base isn't that big. If you're dying to know if the mail is up, drive over and look. As soon as we get the last letter in the box, our next move is to put the 'Mail Is Up' sign out," said Sergeant McDonald.

Volunteer. "We can always use help somewhere," said Sergeant Wesley. "If someone has a couple of hours, we'll let them hand out packages while we sort mail."

Sergeant McDonald asked that people keep one thing in mind.

"We have no control over a lot of variables. If a plane is late, we're probably not going to get mail that day or if there's a hurricane blowing around, we're not getting mail. But if we get mail, we're going to get it out," he said.

Logging into the USARSO TIDE?



Can't log into the TIDE? That can happen to anyone. The usual suspect is not having NASW\ in front of users' login names on the NIPR side (samhouston\ on the SIPR side). NASW is required to assure proper authentication of the user's login name.

NASW is an acronym for **N**orth **A**merica **S**outh **W**est, one of four regions in the country. Our TIDE servers are configured to only accept nasw\ users. No NASW\ means no entry. The back slash—"\"— (also called the "liberal slash" because it leans to the left) is needed by the servers to separate your name from the domain name.

So, make a note to yourself that NASW\ must be used when logging on to the TIDE and things will go a lot smoother here in **N**orth **A**merica **S**outh **W**est.

If you get locked out after multiple failed attempts to login, please contact your local IASO officer listed below. You may also call the USARSO IA Officer, Mr. Isaias Duprey at 210-295-6580.

If you are EXTERNAL to USARSO, please contact the Web Team via email or at the numbers listed below.

After-duty hours, please contact UCC.

USARSO G6 Web Team Email
usarsowebamster@samhouston.army.mil
(210)295-6656/6609/6047/6051

Directorate	Primary IASO	PHONE
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Command Chaplain	SFC Eduardo Apodaca	295-6241
Command Surgeon	Mr. James Stubblefield	295-6240
Inspector General	MAJ Fitch, Danny C.	295-6327
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G4	Ms. Monica Knotts	295-6374
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G5	Ms. Bonita Avilan	295-6329
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IN AND AROUND TEXAS

Date: Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13

City: [Georgetown](#)

Features arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles and festive foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Georgetown.

Market Day

Date: Apr 1, May 6

City: [Wimberley](#)

Lion's Field, R.R. 2325.

[Buc Days](#)

Date: Apr 6-May 7

City: [Corpus Christi](#)

From its simple beginnings in 1938, Buc Days has grown into the premier festival event in Corpus Christi. In addition to the carnival, and the spectacular illuminated night parade, the festivities now include a PRCA rodeo, BBQ Challenge, Competencia Folklorica, junior parade, stadium show, fireworks and various sporting and athletic events. Downtown Corpus Christi Area. E-mail: info@bucdays.com

[Viva! Cinco de Mayo](#)

Date: May 4-6

City: [San Marcos](#)

This is the official statewide Menudo Cook-Off with each participating team hoping to be awarded the title of "Best Menudo in the state of Texas." In addition to the cook-off, this event includes a downtown parade, the Little Miss Cinco de Mayo pageant, Miss Cinco de Mayo pageant, folklorico dance performances by San Marcos area school children, three-days of musical performances by Texas' top Tejano recording artists, arts & crafts, food booths, carnival and more. Hays County Civic Center. E-mail: webmaster@vivacincodemayo.org

[Cinco de Mayo Music Festival](#)

Date: May 5-7

City: [Austin](#)

Celebrates Mexico's independence from France with live music, food, arts & crafts, and carnival rides. Fiesta Gardens.

[Ice Cream Festival](#)

Date: May 6

City: [Brenham](#)

Enjoy family entertainment, contests, arts and craft booths, lots of Blue Bell and more. Stay for the evening street dance. Downtown Brenham. E-mail: info@brenhamtexas.com

[Texas Hills Vineyard & All that Jazz!](#)

Date: May 6

City: [Johnson City](#)

Includes Joan Carrol, vocalist, and a jazz trio with Larry Natwick on the keyboard. E-mail: wine@texashillsvineyard.com

[Comfort Village Antique Show](#)

Date: May 6-7

City: [Comfort](#)

Includes early country, Southwestern and Indian, American oak and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Comfort Park.

[Old Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival](#)

Date: May 6-7

City: [Austin](#)

Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street, originally named Pecan Street, into a lively fair.

[MayDay!](#)

Date: May 6

City: [Seguin](#)

Offers music, a May Pole dance, demonstrations, a climbing wall, games, free prizes and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sebastopol House State Historic Site.

[Cajun French Music & Food Fest](#)

Date: May 6

Live Cajun music, fresh boiled crawfish and shrimp, gumbo cook-off, arts & crafts, cake walk, and more. Anhalt Hall.

[Cowboys on Main](#)

Date: May 6, 13, 20, 27

City: [Bandera](#)

Enjoy authentic cowboy entertainment from strolling musicians to chuck wagons and trick horses. Activities vary weekly. Downtown Main Street. E-mail: growthr@texas.net

[Annual Ranch Rodeo & Horse Race](#)

Date: May 6

City: [Uvalde](#)

Presented by the Southwest Texas Ranch Heritage Association. City of Uvalde Fairgrounds

[21st Annual Texas Crab Festival](#)

Date: May 12-14

City: [Crystal Beach](#)

Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend with live music, Crab Legs Contest, crab races, Texas Crab Festival Weiner Dog Nationals, shopping, carnival, festival foods and a cook-off of the tastiest crab dishes on the Texas Gulf Coast. Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Gregory Park, Hwy. 87.

[116th Annual Maifest](#)

Date: May 12-13

City: [Brenham](#)

Enjoy one of the oldest German festivals in Texas. Includes colorful parade, spectacular pageant, food, crafts, exhibits, polkas, waltzes and country music. Downtown Brenham. E-mail: info@brenhamtexas.com

[C. Jane Shop Antiques Fair](#)

IN AND AROUND TEXAS CONTINUED...

Date: May 13-14

City: [Boerne](#)

Includes more than 100 dealers, food booths and live entertainment.

Enchanted Springs Ranch. E-mail: caryatkinsinteriors@gvtc.com

[Market Days](#)

Date: May 13-14

City: [Boerne](#)

Features arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, unusual items and food booths. Main Plaza.

[Founders Day Festival](#)

Date: May 13

City: [Fredericksburg](#)

Museum presents a day of various living history activities — artisan demonstrations, blacksmithing, soap making, sheep shearing, spinning, wool dyeing, flint knapping, fence making, corn grinding and quilting. Families can enjoy live music and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pioneer Museum, 309 W. Main St. E-mail: gchs@ctesc.net

[Trade Days](#)

Date: May 19-21

City: [Fredericksburg](#)

Includes more than 300 vendors, five barns, acres of antiques and more, biergarten and music. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms. E-mail: fbg@moment.net

[Maifest](#)

Date: May 19

City: [San Antonio](#)

Beethoven Maennerchor Halle und Garten.

[Spring Antiques Show](#)

Date: May 20-21

City: [Fredericksburg](#)

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S. E-mail: lv1@hctc.net

[Texas Natural & Western Swing Festival](#)

Date: May 20

City: [San Marcos](#)

Relax on the banks of the San Marcos River and enjoy the sounds of Texas Western Swing legends. Enjoy food, crafts, fun and plenty of Western Swing entertainment. San Marcos Plaza.

[Lavender Fest](#)

Date: May 20-21

City: [Fredericksburg](#)

Celebrates all things lavender. Includes gardening-related products. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Becker Vineyards, Hwy. 290 E. on Jenschke Lane. E-mail: beckervyds@beecreek.net

[Old Gruene Market Days](#)

Date: May 20-21

City: [Gruene](#)

Features more than 100 vendors with uniquely crafted items, collectibles and packaged Texas foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

[Charreada](#)

Date: May 21

City: [San Antonio](#)

Call or visit Web site for information.

[Heroes All](#)

Date: May 25

City: [Kerrville](#)

Memorial Day celebration commences with a fly-by of F-16 Fighting Falcon Fighter Jets, an outdoor concert by the Air Force Band of the West, food, drinks, ice cream and fireworks. Bank of the Hills Parking Lot, 1075 Junction Highway.

[Kerrville Folk Festival](#)

Date: May 25-Jun 1

City: [Kerrville](#)

Features more than 100 songwriters and their bands. Includes concerts, arts & crafts, kids concerts, food and camping. Quiet Valley Ranch.

[Crawfish Festival](#)

Date: May 26-27

City: [Fredericksburg](#)

Enjoy Cajun food and music. Features mouthwatering crawfish plates, red potatoes, corn, Jambalaya and friend fish plates. Includes kids area and shopping area. Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday. 730 N. Llano. E-mail: creative@kfc.com

[Official Texas Arts & Crafts Fair](#)

Date: May 26-29

City: [Kerrville](#)

Enjoy four days of fine arts & crafts exhibited by the finest Texas artists. This juried show includes live music, early craft demonstrations, wine tasting, dance, great fair food and more. River Star Arts & Event Park.

[Memorial Day Arts & Crafts Fair](#)

Date: May 26-29

City: [San Antonio](#)

River Walk Extension.

[Seashore Marketplace](#)

Date: May 27-28

City: [Corpus Christi](#)

Includes arts & crafts vendors from around Texas, specialty displays, live bands and more. On Padre Island

[Festival of Wines](#)

Date: May 27-28

Offers wine tasting, entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more. Texas Maritime Museum.

[Memorial Memories](#)

Date: May 28

City: [San Antonio](#)

Brass, string and wind musicians' and vocalists' renditions of old standards

IN AND AROUND TEXAS

carry listeners back to a defining period in American history with the Big Band swing sounds of the 1940s and '50s. The 19-piece Sentimental Journey Orchestra, accompanied by powerful multimedia images from the period,

[Heritage Festival Taste of Nacogdoches](#)

Date: Jun 1

City: [Nacogdoches](#)

Community restaurants offer delicious menu items to taste and vote on. Begins at 7 p.m. Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center.

[Fiestas Juan Seguin](#)

Date: Jun 2-3

City: [Seguin](#)

Includes a street dance, food booths, carnival and games. Downtown Seguin. E-mail: cvb@seguintx.org

[WaterStreet Market Music & Art Fest](#)

Date: Jun 2-3

City: [Corpus Christi](#)

Festival is devoted to Texas music, art and surfing. Performers include Kris Kristofferson, Augie Meyers, Silverfox, The Todd Potter band, Mike Blakely, Mundi Ensemble, Billy Eli and a rare performance from Sunny Ozuna and Freddie Martinez. Offers five acoustic performances each day. Ten booths with oil paintings, prints, sculpture and photography from some of Texas' finest artists are scattered through two courtyards. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. A ribbon cutting ceremony on June 2 unveils the newest inductees to the South Texas Music Walk of Fame. For advance tickets to Kristofferson's performance call 361-882-2364. Market Day

Date: Jun 3

City: [Wimberley](#)

Lion's Field, R.R. 2325. E-mail: lions@visitwimberley.com

[National Fishing Day Kidfish](#)

Date: Jun 3

City: [Corpus Christi](#)

Tour the visitor center, hatchery brood rooms, incubation room and fingerling grow-out ponds. Children, age 17 and younger, can participate in catch and release fishing in kidfish ponds. A limited number of fishing poles are available. Bring own bait. Fishing is from 8 a.m. to noon. Tours are from 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations required. Coastal Conservation Association/Central Power and Light Marine Development Center SFH.



Class of 2006

Congratulations!
You Graduated!



If you have a Graduating Senior this year and would like to have them recognized in the next Newsletter, please send a photo and write up to sandra.ramey@samhouston.army.mil